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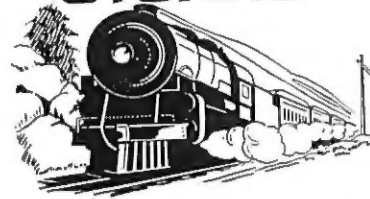
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We all are architects to build
A temple which is loaned and willed;
Built not by labor's toil of hand,
But built within, at will's command.
And structure raise of thought designed
In accord with the law defined;
A Law for guidance to obey
In this frail habitat of clay.
But, that perversity of man,
Seeks freedom in some other plan
Of selfish rule, and casts aside
The Law by which he should abide.
Such freedom sought, unwise is found
In coils of Law more tightly bound,
Re-action moving of that force
Which breaks apart man's wayward course;
And fails to raise a structure well,
These lessons of experience tell.
And, learning thus, of outward things,
Man turns within, where all life springs
From regions deep of thought so vast,
And finds Truth's scepter there at last.
To rightly use the tools of thought,
Which once in outward things were sought.
New fabric choosing which acclaims
That heritage of nobler aims,
And building wisely on right lines,
An edifice of art designs;
Each line well fashioned drawn to bear
In tracery of the soul found there;
A Temple of that state and worth
In grace and beauty known on earth
Rare with those jewelled gems so bright,
Of Wisdom drawn, in radiant Light;
And Love gleams forth—with lovely bow—
As Truth is crowned upon the brow,
While tranquil calm within the breast,
In Peace serene is manifest.
Shrine of a Temple man upholds,
The Architect of Life infolds!
And gives of power which will reflect,
That makes of man an architect.

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"BIG BUSINESS" A small news item in another column of this issue of the CRAFTSMAN gives some significant figures as to the size and consequent importance of the organization of Freemasonry in the life of this nation.

With a total of 16,431 lodges in 49 jurisdictions, having a membership of 3,296,018, the organization is indeed "big business." Added to this is the fact that 103,166 new members were admitted during the year last past, and it is evident that interest is keen among others to participate in Freemasonry's functions.

A great responsibility rests upon each of the more than three million individuals comprising this vast organization, to see that by their rectitude of conduct no stain shall rest upon it. By the degree to which each member lives up to the obligations he voluntarily assumed when he entered the Craft, will Freemasonry be judged by the outside world. Its influence in any case cannot help but be a very important factor in the life of the nation. Its responsibilities are evident. Freemasons throughout the country may take a justifiable pride in their organization, both from the fact of its great size, as well as from the records of its charitable and otherwise constructive acts in the daily life of its members.

Freemasonry's past is secure. Its future depends on you, and you, and you.

SUMMER COMES Another Masonic season has closed and the Craft are called from labor to refreshment again. In the clear scenery of New England, with the mantle of beauty bountifully provided by Nature, so evident in this favored section, men whose responsibilities have been many or few, will seek relaxation, and find surcease by sea and shore, in field and forest.

Our only living ex-President has said the nation needs a vacation. He is right. The fogs of business fear, the depressing influence of close contact with economic worries seem pitifully small when under the blue canopy of heaven, miles away from crowded centers, one beholds the handiwork of Nature.

If all those to whom the past two years have seemed like a nightmare will get away and stay away as far as possible from the daily grind for as long as their ability permits, they will return to their tasks revitalized, and with minds fresh and strong to overcome the pitiable perils which now seem so pressing.

By all means relax this summer as never before. Clear the cobwebs of senseless fear from the brain, and realize that God's in His heaven—and all's well with the world.

WORLD COURT An interesting suggestion that the present seat of the world court at the Hague be changed to Jerusalem was made by Dr. Marino Ranson, a Jewish rabbi of East Orange, N. J., in the course of an address made before the June communication of Temple Lodge, Boston, on June 17.

Brother Ranson's contention that

"The removal of the headquarters of the world court from Holland to Jerusalem would at once command the support of hundreds of millions of Christians, Jews and Mohammedans, to all of whom Palestine is holy land, and all of whom would see the fulfillment of a prophecy of our Bible in this action," has much to commend it.

Just why the Hague was chosen in the first place, is a question that only the Almighty and Andrew Carnegie, who donated the buildings, could answer satisfactorily. Possibly on the theory that the location was not essential. And yet undoubtedly Jerusalem would have a greater significance than the land of the tulip and windmill to many millions. But if a world court at Jerusalem, why not go the whole way and shift the headquarters of the League of Nations to the spot where Solomon's wisdom was dispensed. True, the Temple of Solomon is gone, but much of his wisdom remains in the minds of men, even to-day, though its evidence is sometimes difficult to distinguish with the naked eye.

THE PHILAETHES Just as in France, where the Academy represents the literati of that nation, there exists in this country a society known as The Philaethes (seekers of Truth).

With the same laudable aims as that of France, this society seeks to recognize literary merit in the purely Masonic field, and by a system similar to that of the French, elects periodically certain individuals who, without previous knowledge of any contemplated action, are advised of their nomination and acceptance into the fellowship of The Philaethes.

While additional accretions to the body of Freemasonry are to be decried, this particular society need not be criticized from that angle, for it imposes no dues upon its Fellows, serving solely as a recognition of merit and maintaining on the highest plane the ideals of the Craft in the literary field.

Its international president until recently was an old Bostonian, Cyrus Field Willard, now of San Diego, California. Upon the recent death of the secretary, Brother Willard took over the duties of that office, and maintains an active correspondence with distinguished Freemasons in every country in the world where the Craft is represented. In this manner much information of value which might otherwise be lost, is written into the records of the Craft, and a genuine benefit results. The present president of The Philaethes is Robert I. Clegg of Chicago, a well known writer on Masonic subjects. A list of the Fellows embraced in the Society discloses the names of many men who have in recent years added no little lustre to the name of Freemasonry, and whose work may well stimulate others to continue in their footsteps.

Is Freemasonry a Militant Body?

A Monthly Symposium

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MILITANT POLICY UNDESIRABLE

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PRIMARILY Freemasonry is not militant in the accepted sense of that word, if it is to be construed as an organization whereby the practice of certain basic principles of conduct are the excuse for its existence.



The word militancy has become somewhat of a misnomer of late; it is in more or less bad repute, as connoting something evil. It resembles militarism too much. The World War is too recent and poignant a memory to make it popular. This is unfortunate, for there are different brands of militancy. No one will deny that the militancy in times past of men's

and women's organizations enlisted in good causes, accomplished much for the advancement of society and made conditions more tolerable for sundry elements in the community which had suffered by oppression. In that particular brand of militancy Freemasonry had its part.

The Order of Knights Templars is founded upon the records of one of the most militant enterprises in the world's history—the Crusades, and its teachings emulate those of the days when knighthood was in flower. Knight Templarism may well be styled the militant branch of Freemasonry, and yet it is but an offshoot from the parent stem. In itself it is not Masonry as the speculative Craft is generally known and it is not all-embracing in its scope of champion of the Christian religion.

The "gentle" craft, as Joseph Fort Newton is fond of quoting, is perhaps more nearly descriptive of speculative Freemasonry. Essentially a charitable organization, with many able minds construing the word "Charity" as meaning literally "Love", it is difficult to reconcile Masonic teaching with anything of a militant nature. The hardness of that word precludes its general favorable acceptance by true lovers of the Craft.

A persuasive, if not aggressive advocacy or penetrancy of those principles embodied in the ancient usages of the organization, and which have made it the powerful instrument for good it is, would seem to more nearly symbolize its character.

True, when wrong is rampant, its very fundamentals in their visible evidence will appear to the uninitiated or ignorant to be an element of militancy. In the writer's opinion, however, Freemasonry is not essentially a

militant body, nor would a policy of militancy strengthen its usefulness to society.

It is realized that many of the abuses existing in public life to-day have a tendency to stir members of the Craft to indignation, impelling a desire to correct them in the name of the great fraternity, but with a knowledge of the limitations of humans, and in the absence of an assured, infallible leader, the path to ultimate perfection is too remote, its dangers too apparent to warrant an acceptance of Masonic militancy. Any policy with militancy as its dominant motive would tend to destroy the Craft.

MASONRY CANNOT BE MILITANT

By WILLIAM C. RAPP
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IT would be well if some wise and constructive leader would chart a course in the pursuance of which Masonry could become a militant body—and still remain Masonry. We are in perfect sympathy with



those who bewail the fact that the potential power vested in three million Masons is apparently allowed to be dissipated by lack of co-ordinated direction. We are as impatient of the restrictions imposed by the traditions of the institution as the most radical proponent of militancy. We have in common with others indulged in the generalities that no institution can survive which does not justify

its existence by definite accomplishments, that negative virtue alone leaves duty but half performed, that reiterated recitation of moral preachment is ineffective against the propaganda of organized evil.

Nevertheless, we confess that we have failed to note a single suggestion on the part of those who would have Masonry "do something" which offers a concrete proposal by means of which Masonry can mobilize its potential force and be a factor in the material affairs of the world's work.

What shall we do to be saved? What evil shall we attack with the solidified legions of our soldiers? Who shall direct the army against the foe? What great plan of human betterment shall receive the unified support of Masonry? Who shall speak with finality to say that this and not that project is worthy of the sword of Masonry?

Can the latent civic power of the Craft be developed, and directed along proper lines to make it an effective militant agency in the affairs of the world, even as it

has been an uplifting moral force for centuries? It may be possible, but we are not optimistic.

There are, however, practical things which Masonry may do as an organization. We are of the opinion that the grand lodge of a western state was engaged in a legitimate Masonic activity when it sought to further the interests of education by the establishment of a Public Schools Week. Even this met with disapproval, and a past grand master of another jurisdiction strenuously maintains that it is not their particular business to do this. Neither was it the particular business of the Shrine of North America to establish hospitals for the treatment of crippled children. A few years ago several grand lodges in the southwestern part of the country endeavored to interest grand lodges in the establishment of hospitals for the treatment of tubercular patients in localities where a salubrious climate prevails. Their efforts met with cool indifference, various grand lodges pointing out that Masonry is no more called upon to help sufferers from tuberculosis than to help those afflicted with cancer, blindness, indigestion or sore toes, or any other physical ailment. True enough, but if Masonry desires to do additional practical good in the world, there is opportunity along the line of welfare work, which seems to be about the only activity in which Masonry may satisfy any urge it may feel to become militant.

WOULD BE MILITANT IN SUPREME TEST

By JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE

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IN the interest of correct expression it should be said that the significant word of our caption is a misnomer if we consider only the Masonry of which we have immediate knowledge. The only definition of



"militant" refers to armed forces, and implies a condition of prepared belligerency. Nothing could have been farther from the mind of the brother proposing this topic. An answer to the question as it stands would necessitate an emphatic denial, with no more to be added. But we can perhaps guess at the thought of our colleague, and that is to ask whether there is, in our Masonry, a potential ag-

gressiveness; whether in time of stress and great need, the fraternity would stand fast for righteousness in any conflict with evil. Here we can reply, and gladly, in affirmation of such proposition.

This institution of Masonry is the depositary or guardian of certain principles. It maintains that certain ideals of its teaching are valuable, and that if these can be brought to the conduct of life and into the relationships of men, human existence would be happier and more meaningful. If such ideals and principles are more than the adornments of ritual or flourishes for the weavers of empty words, then they must be put forward forcefully; must be defended vigorously whenever opposed or assailed. The fraternity is therefore to be regarded as a virile institution, of real force and having a potential fighting ability. As an alterna-

tive, it is only a haphazard aggregation of individuals, drawn together by chance or the operation of minor motives, without real purpose or serious mission, and altogether negligible in any estimate of world agencies of worth.

In such inferential sense of militancy we can do no other than class Freemasonry among the organizations that, upon occasion, could and would go far and do much in humanitarian effort, in re-enforcing the hosts of righteousness and in actively combating wrong. The American section of the brotherhood, living under the softening influences of a profound peace, has yielded to the dulling spell of formalism, has largely forgotten purpose and substituted therefor the emptiness of professions. The vigor has been sapped, and it can make but sluggish and half-hearted response to the call of the generation, whatever be the desperate needs of mankind.

Other Masonries, forced to fight for existence, have impressed themselves on the thought and deeds of their time and place. They are proving that the Craft has a real potency; is an ally to be respected and an adversary to be feared. These, our brothers, may be for us in the near future as inspiring examples. For there are movements and influences of increasing force and baleful purpose, which would give the lie to the teachings and ideals of Masonry. These must be met and vanquished, or confusion and anarchy will riot on the ruins of an ordered and kindly civilization.

It may be an unduly optimistic opinion, but this writer believes that American Masonry will, in some time of supreme need, prove itself of heroic stuff; that it is willing and able to do full share in mental and moral conflicts of the present or those yet to come.

RELY ON THE TEACHINGS OF MASONRY

By J. A. FETTERLY

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IN propounding the above question for discussion, Bro. Moorhouse says: "Which is the right or better conception of the Craft—that which would rely upon the influence of moral teaching and example, or that which advocates an active combat against evil and a strong support of the forces of righteousness?"



An exceedingly interesting question, and one fraught with possibilities for good and evil.

In approaching a discussion of the subject, we are assuming the query to mean just what it reads. In other words, that it applies to Masonry as an organization, rather than to Masons as individual members. With this understanding, let us proceed.

The local lodge is Masonry as far as the community in which it is located is concerned. If we assume for sake of the argument that Masonry (the local lodge) is to be militant in nature and "actively combat evil" as well as "strongly support that which is good", we can at once see trouble ahead.

Who is to judge what is evil in our civic life and

what is good? That which one member believes inimical to the public weal, his brother member believes meritorious; what one believes beneficial another regards as harmful. The "dry" member would champion the buckling on of the armor for battle against the "wets"; the moist member would as readily argue the other way. That which would be a "holy crusade" to the member with Republican leanings, would be anathema or worse to his Democratic brother.

What is evil in our civic life? That which I regard as dangerous and hostile, you may feel to be proper and desirable. And we are both sincere and honest in our convictions. I may desire our lodge to militantly back the Red Cross in its campaign to aid starving and suffering humanity; you may as strenuously wish any funds raised to be expended on the poor and needy in our own community, who are our immediate neighbors. We agree on the campaign for funds, but disagree on its disposition.

Disputations and controversies, grievances and ill feelings are concealed along that path. What say the ancient constitutions on the subject:

"Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge; far less any quarrels about religions or nations or state policy . . . ; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will."

Far better is it for the lodge (Masonry) to continue to rely upon the teachings of morality and brotherly love for the mental and moral development and growth of the individual; to the end that he may learn to subdue his discordant passions so that each lodge may constantly reflect the beauty and order which reigns in that Celestial Lodge, to membership in which all good Masons aspire.

United Masonic Relief

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[There is a widespread lack of knowledge of the relief work done by the Freemasons of the country. This is quite understandable insofar as it pertains to relief strictly within the Craft, for it is not the purpose or policy of the organization to broadcast its deeds of charity. Let it suffice that they are vast in extent and comprehensive in scope.]

In the matter of public relief, however, our readers are entitled to, and will be interested in, the recital of Freemasonry's participation. With the purpose of acquainting them with the extent of the fraternity's contribution during recent years, the editor takes pleasure in presenting herewith an authoritative resume of that branch of Freemasonry's work, in which a justifiable pride may be taken.]—ED.

TO HELP, AID AND ASSIST

The Masonic Service Association of the United States was formed as the result of a distressing need, seen in the Great War, of an adequate method by which American Freemasonry could function unitedly, instead of as forty-nine separate units, in relief and aid for the distressed.

During its twelve years of life, five disasters of national proportions have tested the ability of American Freemasonry to act unitedly in "restoring peace to the troubled minds" of those who suffered by hurricane

and flood; these were the Japanese earthquake of September 1, 1923; the Florida hurricane of September 18, 1926; the Mississippi flood of the spring of 1927; the Porto Rico hurricane of September 13, 1928, and the Florida hurricane of September 16, 1928.

The stories of the relief then rendered by Masons to Masons have never adequately been told. Told piecemeal they were, in the Masonic press in general and the columns of *The Master Mason* in particular; now for the first time the essential facts are gathered together and published as a whole that the fraternity may know how Masonry and its tool, The Masonic Service Association of the United States, gave help, aid and assistance to the poor and distressed in these five horrible devastations.

The financial statistics here set forth are taken from official sources; the Proceedings of the Masonic Service Association, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida for 1927 and 1929, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1927, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana for 1928, the Auditor's report to M. W. James H. Johnson, Chairman, Board of Masonic Flood Relief, dated November 8, 1928; the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, 1929, to which is added the figures taken

from The Masonic Service Association's books of the Porto Masonic Relief Fund, of which M. W. James T. Gibbs, then Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, acted as treasurer.

Masonic relief has always been rendered by Masons to Masons. Had there been no Masonic Service Association, the suffering brethren in Japan, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Porto Rico would yet have felt the brother hands stretched out to them from other Masonic jurisdictions. But the relief would not have been available as promptly; it could not have been applied as economically, nor would it have been so great in amount.

The Masonic Service Association was able to speak for the distressed brethren without the excitement and the distress under which those who suffered necessarily labored. It was able to make an impersonal survey of the extent of four of these five disasters, and to advise from first-hand investigation, made by duly accredited representatives, of the extent of the devastation and relief imperatively needed. By its suggestions and its plans it was enabled to assist the grand jurisdictions involved in setting up and starting in motion the necessary relief machinery. By acting as a clearing house for information, a disseminator of appeals and a central agency through which con-

tributions could be sent, it expedited both the collection of funds and their application where most needed.

The figures of the amounts collected and distributed speak for themselves. The small cost of administering this relief—an average of only 1.28 cents of every dollar contributed going to collection and distribution expenses—deserves here, as it has received elsewhere, both notice and emphasis.

The Masonic Service Association makes no claim here, nor has it ever made it, that it is solely responsible for the relief rendered the distressed in these disasters. The relief was rendered by Masons with Masonic hearts to Masons in distress. The association but points to the statements made by the grand lodges of the jurisdictions affected, and to the resolutions of the Board of Control which administered the fund as for instance, in the Mississippi Valley emergency as evidence that the relief was more quickly collected, greater in amount, better, more economically, and more speedily applied, than would have been possible without its correlating and centralizing efforts, its executives on the spot, advising with and assisting grand masters and grand lodge relief committees in their labors of mercy.

No honest man insures his house against fire with the belief that the morrow will see it in flames. He pays a little, over a term of years, so that in the unlikely event of conflagration the money value of his destroyed home will be at his disposal that he may rebuild.

The Masonic Service Association is an insurance policy issued to American Freemasonry insuring that, when disaster comes, our great fraternity will not be bound and helpless to move and give from its great heart to those who need, as it was in the World War.

We never know when the house will burn; neither know we when flood, pestilence, earthquake or hurricane will lay in waste the property of our brethren, endanger and take their lives, produce misery and poverty where but a short time before was happiness, prosperity and peace. Critics of inter-jurisdictional movements in American Freemasonry—and there are many such!—are urged to ponder this report of the work done by the tool forged in the fires

of bitterness and conflict of war, which was found tempered and ready for decisive and successful action in the disasters of peace.

THE JAPANESE EARTH- QUAKE OF 1923

The greatest calamity in the history of the world, since the Biblical Flood, was the Japanese earthquake of September 1, 1923.

The writhing earth laid waste and destroyed an area extending one hundred and forty miles east and west and one hundred ten miles north and south, in which was the crowded city of Tokio.

One hundred and thirty-nine thousand lives were lost. Two hundred and thirty-five thousand people were reported missing. One hundred and twenty-five thousand were injured. The property loss was nearly a billion dollars (\$932,500,000.00).

Relatively few Masons were affected by this awful convulsion of nature. Masonry in Japan is purely Occidental, and the heavy damages, injuries and deaths were afflictions of the Japanese, rather than the comparatively few westerners sojourning in the land of cherry blossoms.

A Mason's charity is not confined to Masons; his helpfulness in time of distress, if more especially to brother Masons, is extended to all mankind. The relief machinery of the whole world functioned for stricken Japan. Governments, individuals, the Red Cross, organizations of all kinds poured food, money, ships, materials, physicians, nurses and supplies into the devastated area. Grand lodges and subordinate bodies the world over did their part as the spirit moved them.

Then came an appeal direct from a Mason to Masons—the result was the modest first attempt of The Masonic Service Association to function as a collector of Masonic relief funds.

Brother E. W. Frazar, deputy for the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction in the Far East, asked American Masonry for assistance in rehabilitating the American School at Tokio. The Masonic Service Association sent out an appeal which resulted in the collection of more than ten thousand dollars; the money was held for some time, at the request of the representatives of American Masonry in Ja-

pan, pending the completion of plans for the rebuilding of the school.

On September 30, 1925, at the close of the Association's fiscal year, the sum had expanded by additional donations and accrued interest to the sum of \$15,777.25, for which amount a draft was issued to the orders of E. W. Frazar and D. H. Blake, the committee in charge in Tokio.

This modest contribution to the relief of the distressed must be considered not only in the light of a beginning of those relief activities for which the Association was first formed, but also as an introduction of its possibilities to the Masonic world. Previous to this time a united Masonic appeal for help was unknown. Grand lodges contributed; occasionally one would act as the agent of another, but no facilities had previously existed, must less been used, to throw the power of all American Masonry into scales on one side of which human misery weighed heavy, on the other the heartfelt desire of Masons to relieve the distressed.

In the light of the accomplishments of the future fifteen thousand dollars does not seem such a great sum, but it was a brave beginning. In the hearts of Masons in Tokio to-day the American school is builded stronger and better because the Masonic Service Association made the appeal and American Freemasonry responded.

THE FLORIDA

HURRICANE OF 1926

In 1926 came disaster far too great for the grand lodge affected to cope with alone. Florida, land of sunshine and the playground of a nation, was mutilated and torn by the hurricane of September 18, 1926, the first two of the most destructive storms which have ever afflicted this nation. It struck the east coast of the state in the Miami section, traveled in a northwesterly direction across the entire peninsula, up the west coast and through the Pensacola region, cutting a path approximately seventy miles wide and leaving death and devastation in its wake.

This path covered 14,000 square miles of territory. The interests of 500,000 people were affected. Property to the value of hundreds of millions of dollars was destroyed. Many

hundred lives were lost. Thousands of people were injured, many of them seriously. Wounded and refugees crowded homes, hospitals and public buildings throughout the storm-stricken area. Whole towns were wiped off the map. Thousands of homes, from the pretentious mansion to the humble cottage, were in whole or in part destroyed; roofs and walls were carried away by the wind or torn to pieces by flying debris; houses were flooded with the rushing waters of lake and ocean.

Boats and ships were carried far inland from the harbors. Unnumbered trees in grove and forest were uprooted and hurled through the air, terrible missiles of destruction. Brick and mortar, sideboard and shingle, steel and concrete, wires, tiling, pavements, crashing through a great stretch of territory, laid waste the homes and firesides, the hopes and fortunes of thousands left dazed and stricken among their ruins and the bodies of their dead. Suffering, poverty, exposure, hunger and illness resulted to a degree impossible to describe.

Several thousand members of the Masonic Fraternity resided in the storm area, many of them sojourning Masons. Fifty lodges were affected, and fourteen of them lost a part or all of their buildings, records and equipment. Grand Master Cary B. Fish of Florida issued a blanket dispensation to all lodges in the hurricane district to meet wherever and whenever possible under safe circumstances, with or without a charter, until normal conditions could be restored and permanent places of meeting provided. In the East Coast section many sojourning Masons from twenty-six grand jurisdictions were left without houses, business or funds. Conditions were worse because the terrible devastation of this hurricane followed close upon the heels of a period of serious business and financial depression, marked by bank failures and depreciation in land and crop values and the labor market, which had already impaired the prospects of many men of moderate means who otherwise might have wrested something from the winds and waters of destruction.

The Masonic Service Association immediately tendered assistance by telegram to Grand Master Cary B. Fish:

"The Masonic Service Association and all other grand jurisdictions deeply sympathize with the Craft and the citizenship of Florida who have suffered in this great calamity. We are ready to assist in every possible way in all matters of relief, including the raising of necessary funds. I am ready to leave on first train to co-operate with you in surveying the needs of our membership and in securing all necessary relief and assistance from other grand jurisdictions. Please wire me immediately and fully the following information: First, what amount of money and extent of service is needed immediately; second, what is your present estimate of the extent of injury and loss to our membership; third, where and when can I meet you and your advisers if I arrive in Jacksonville tomorrow afternoon or night?

"Our entire organization is at your command and will support and assist you in every possible way. Answer at once.

ANDREW L. RANDELL,
Executive Secretary."

A copy of this message was repeated to the grand secretary of Florida. At the same time the executive secretary sent the following to the grand masters of all member jurisdictions:

"Reports from Florida indicate tremendous disaster beyond capacity of that grand lodge to handle alone. We are in touch with the situation. In the event present reports should be confirmed may we count upon your grand jurisdiction for necessary share of financial assistance needed?

ANDREW L. RANDELL."

In his report to the grand lodge (1927) Grand Master Fish stated:

"Arriving home from New York the day after the hurricane, I immediately proceeded into the storm-afflicted district, where I was joined by Past Grand Master Andrew L. Randell, the executive secretary of The Masonic Service Association, who at once tendered me the aid and assistance of the Association, in order to raise funds for the relief of the brethren in this area. On arriving at Miami I appointed a relief committee, consisting of the district deputy of District No. 31, and the worshipful masters of the particular lodges of his district, together with

Brothers Fred DeLaney, F. B. Stoneman and James Bonn.

"We then opened a downtown office in the office of Brother Short, where the committee immediately began functioning.

"I appointed Brother Fred DeLaney chairman of this committee, and Brother Walter H. Hearn, treasurer."

An executive committee of seven members was created to have charge of relief in the Miami district and of the east coast points affected by the hurricane. Among its members were the junior grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and the district deputy grand master for that Masonic district. All Masonic bodies were represented in the personnel of this committee. Within a few hours headquarters were established in a prominent ground floor location near the headquarters of the citizens relief committee, with a chairman, a secretary-treasurer, a stenographer, and a number of workers.

Subcommittees were organized on information, relief and survey, the committee on survey having in its membership, in addition to others, the masters and secretaries of all lodges in the stricken section.

Contacts with the citizens relief committee, in whose headquarters the district deputy grand master of the Miami district had a desk, were immediately made. All inquiries received from the grand lodges, particular lodges and members from all over the United States, in reference to craftsmen, relatives and their families, were distributed to various Masonic workers provided with cars and the search for information began at once. Masters and secretaries of all lodges were notified immediately in writing of their duties on the committee of survey, instructed how to proceed, and directed to meet in the headquarters in Miami with such reports as were possible in reference to the needs of all Freemasons in that section, both for immediate relief and for rehabilitation.

The committee on survey was immediately given instructions and set to work to find the actual needs of all members of the fraternity, their families and dependents. Advertisements and news articles were inserted in the daily papers requesting all resident and sojourning Masons and their families to register at the near-

est Masonic headquarters. An adequate system of records and book-keeping was installed, and all available members of the Craft commanded for service. Credit accounts were opened with groceries, markets, clothing stores and pharmacies.

The committee found much suffering among the members of the Craft, and while it was not able to give all the relief needed, it did relieve a great many cases of dire necessity.

All available funds of the grand lodge and other grand bodies of Florida were appropriated for immediate relief.

Tenders of relief from other grand jurisdictions were accepted, and Sunday September 26, the executive secretary of the association sent from the grand master's office in Jacksonville the following telegram to all member and some non-member jurisdictions:

"Prompt and effective assistance from and co-operation by The Masonic Service Association with the Grand Lodge of Florida has enabled us to complete Masonic organization for relief and rehabilitation through-

out the devastated hurricane area. Necessary immediate relief now being dispensed with funds available and a survey for all needs for rehabilitation of local and sojourning brethren is being made. All proper contacts with other relief organizations have been effected to avoid duplication of effort. The whole deplorable situation is being handled with marvelous care and dispatch by all concerned. Your generous willingness to help is deeply appreciated. We feel reasonably sure that an amount equal to two cents per capita from the various jurisdictions will be sufficient when supplemented by other relief funds. If more needed the facts will be given you. If less a refund will be made and strict accounting given. Need of haste in securing funds prompts us to suggest that you forward to Grand Master Cary B. Fish, Sarasota, Florida, check or authority to draw for whatever share you may be able to contribute.

CARY B. FISH,
Grand Master.
ANDREW L. RANDELL,
Executive Secretary."

The responses to the telegrams were prompt and generous. Funds were sent by wire and mail to Grand Master Fish at Sarasota.

Some grand jurisdictions sent checks to the offices of The Masonic Service Association, in Washington, before the telegram was received, which were forwarded immediately to the Grand Master of Florida.

Grand Master Fish organized other necessary committees in the West, which functioned like that in the Miami district.

On the return of the executive secretary, a meeting of the executive committee of the Association was held in Washington, at which Bro. Randell submitted his report of conditions and the organization which had been formed.

R. W. Stafford Caldwell, then junior grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and member of the executive committee in Miami, later came to Washington for a conference, returning to Florida to give his entire time to the work of rehabilitation under the direction of the grand master.

(To be Continued)



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Henry VII, King of England, presided as grand master at a lodge held in his palace, June 24, 1502.

Inigo Jones, who served many years as Grand Master of England, died at London, June 26, 1652.

Anthony Sayer was chosen first grand master of the Grand Lodge of England on June 24, 1717.

Dr. John T. Desaguliers, noted mathematician and philosopher, known as the "Father of Modern Speculative Masonry", became third grand master of the English Grand Lodge, June 24, 1719.

Baron de Kalb, German officer who fought for American independence, was born at Huttendorf, Germany, June 29, 1721. After his death, which was caused through wounds received on the

field of battle, he was buried with Masonic honors by Lord Cornwallis near Camden, S. C.

Jabez Bowen, grand master of Rhode Island (1794-98), was born at Providence, June 2, 1739.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Warren, grand master of Masonry in Massachusetts, was born at Roxbury, Mass., June 11, 1741. He was killed at the Battle of Breed's Hill, Boston, June 17, 1775. His statue adorns the stairway entrance of Masonic Temple, Boston.

Nathan Hale, Revolutionary hero, and member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H., was born at Coventry, Conn., June 6, 1755.

Gen. William R. Davis, third grand master of Carolina (1792-98), and Governor of that state, was born at Eg-

mont, near Whitehaven, Eng., June 20, 1756.

Gen. Israel Putnam was made a Mason in the military lodge at Crown Point, N. Y., June 7, 1758.

George Plater, sixth Governor of Maryland (1791), was elected junior warden of the Old Lodge at Leonardtown, Md., at the date of its organization, June 6, 1759.

Capt. Abraham Whipple, naval officer in the American Revolution, became a member of St. John's Lodge, Providence, R. I., June 4, 1761.

William Preston, celebrated Masonic author, was elected a member and at the same time master of Antiquity Lodge No. 1, London, Eng., June 15, 1774.

Edmund Randolph, grand master of Virginia, Governor of that state, and

first Attorney General of the United States, became a charter member of Lodge No. 6, at Williamsburg, Va., June 24, 1774.

John Warren, M. D., grand master of Massachusetts (1783), became a member of The Massachusetts Lodge at Boston, June 6, 1780.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, famous German poet, was initiated and passed in Amalia Lodge, Weimar, Germany, June 23, 1780. During June, 1830, he celebrated his Masonic jubilee by writing a poem entitled "On the Honourable Fraternal Festival of St. John's Day."

Jeremy L. Cross, Masonic writer, lecturer and ritualist, was born at Haverhill, N. H., June 27, 1783. On June 24, 1824, he became inspector general, 33°, of the Northern Supreme Council in New York City.

DeWitt Clinton, grand master of New York, and Governor of that state, was elected junior grand warden of the grand lodge in June, 1795. On June 14, 1814, he became grand master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., for the State of New York, and on June 21, 1816, was elected first grand master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., for the United States.

Daniel Carroll, member of Maryland Lodge No. 16, Baltimore, who served on the commission that laid out the District of Columbia in 1791, died at Rock Creek, near Washington, D. C., June 19, 1796.

Richard Gridley, Revolutionary officer and grand master of Massachusetts, died at Canton, Mass., June 20, 1796.

John Jacob Astor, pioneer American merchant, was elected grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York, June 6, 1798.

Major Robert Anderson, member of Mercer Lodge No. 50, Trenton, N. J., who defended Fort Sumter during the attack made on it by Confederate forces, was born near Louisville, Ky., June 14, 1805.

Col. Silas Talbot, officer of the famous "Rhode Island Line", and member of St. John's Lodge, Providence, R. I., died in New York City, June 30, 1813.

John Snow, grand master of Ohio (1819-24; 1829), affiliated with New England Lodge No. 4, Worthington, Ohio, June 16, 1818, later serving as master for several terms.

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On June 17, 1825, Marquis de La Fayette visited Boston, and laid the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill Monument, the date marking the fiftieth anniversary of that memorable battle. While in Boston he was the guest of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, English Navy, provincial grand master for Hampshire 1840-69, became a Mason in Phoenix Lodge No. 257, Portsmouth, Eng., June 13, 1827.

Vincent L. Hurlburt, M. D., eleventh grand master of the U. S. Grand Encampment, K. T., was born at West Mendon, N. Y., June 28, 1829, and on June 26, 1868, became an active member of the Northern Supreme Council.

Rev. John Prince, clergyman and inventor, died at Salem, Mass., June 7, 1836. He was a member of The Massachusetts Lodge at Boston.

Dr. Walter M. Fleming, co-founder of the Mystic Shrine, was born at Portland, Me., June 14, 1838. On June 6, 1876, the imperial council of the shrine for North America was formed, and Doctor Fleming became first imperial potentate, serving for 12 years.

Arthur C. Mellette, Governor of South Dakota, and a member of Wauertown (S. D.) Commandery No. 7, K. T., was born in Henry County, Ind., June 23, 1843.

Garret A. Hobart, twenty-fifth Vice-President, and a member of both York and Scottish Rites, was born at Long Branch, N. J., June 3, 1844.

Francis E. Warren, first Governor of Wyoming (1890), U. S. Senator from that state (1891-93; 1895-1929), and a 33rd degree member of the southern jurisdiction, was born at Hinsdale, Mass., June 20, 1844.

George W. Atkinson, Governor of West Virginia, and grand secretary of the grand lodge of that state, was born near Charlestown, W. Va., June 29, 1845.

Henry L. Palmer, grand commander

of the Northern Supreme Council for thirty years, was elected grand master of Wisconsin, June 10, 1852, holding that position four terms.

Thomas H. Caswell, eleventh grand commander of the Southern Supreme Council, was made a master Mason in Nevada Lodge No. 13, Nevada City, Cal., June 7, 1851.

John M. Browne, Surgeon General, U. S. A., became a member of Phileasian

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Lodge No. 40, Winchester, N. H., June 3, 1852. Among the high honors he subsequently attained in Masonry were the offices of treasurer general of the Southern Supreme Council, and grand master of California.

John Wanamaker, thirty-third degree member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, received the Templar degrees in Mary Commandery No. 36, K. T., Philadelphia, June 18, 1902.

Charles W. Fairbanks, twenty-sixth Vice-President, was made a member of Raper Commandery No. 1, K. T., Indianapolis, Ind., June 26, 1905. His death occurred in that city on June 4, 1918.

Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-sixth President, laid the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Washington, D. C., June 8, 1907.

Adlai E. Stevenson, twenty-fourth Vice-President, and grand orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died at Chicago, June 14, 1914.

Lawrence D. Tyson, U. S. Senator from Tennessee, was passed in Knoxville (Tenn.) Lodge No. 718, June 19, 1923.

Edwin T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture under President Wilson, and an active member of the Southern Supreme Council, died at Des Moines, Iowa, June 17, 1928.

LIVING BRETHREN

Charles A. Varnum, who served under General Custer in the Stanley expedition of 1873, and was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, was born June 21, 1849. He is a life member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 47, Sturgis City, S. D.

Barton Smith, past grand commander of the Northern Supreme Council, was born June 2, 1852, at Channahon, Ill. Roland H. Hartley, Governor of Washington, and a thirty-third degree

member of the Southern Jurisdiction, was born at Shogomoc, New Brunswick, Canada, June 26, 1864.

William W. Brandon, former Governor of Alabama, and a member of the Scottish Rite bodies at Birmingham, was born at Talladega, Ala., June 5, 1868.

The Duke of Connaught, present grand master of England, was installed as provincial grand master for Sussex, June 22, 1886, by Edward VII, who was at that time grand master of England.

Harry F. Byrd, former Governor of Virginia, was born at Martinsburg, W. Va., June 10, 1887, and received the Scottish Rite degrees at Alexander, Va., in 1929.

James M. Cox, former Governor of Ohio, became a Mason in Jefferson Lodge No. 90, Middletown, Ohio, June 1, 1891.

Daniel J. Moody, former Governor of Texas, was born at Taylor, Texas, June 1, 1893, and is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Austin.

Peter Norbeck, former Governor of South Dakota, and present U. S. Senator from that state, received the thirty-second degree at Yankton, June 22, 1919.

Frank G. Allen, former Governor of Massachusetts, and a thirty-third degree member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, was raised in Orient Lodge, Norwood, Mass., June 23, 1920.

Freeman F. Gosden, of the radio team of "Amos 'n' Andy", was raised in Petersburg (Va.) Lodge No. 15, June 30, 1922.

LAWLER HONORED

Frank B. Lawler, of Jamaica Plain, was elected commander-in-chief of Massachusetts Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, at the annual election recently, in Ma-

sonic Temple, Boylston Street, Boston. Fred M. Goodwin, of Newton Center, was elected first lieutenant commander, and Adrial W. Hathaway of Fall River, second lieutenant commander.

Frank A. Neff, of West Newton, was chosen orator. Treasurer Frank E. Buxton, of Boston, and Secretary Joseph W. Work of Brookline, were re-elected, and Joseph A. Bryant, of West Newton, was re-elected trustee of the permanent fund.

The installation of officers was by Ill. Joseph A. Bryant, past commander-in-

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chief, assisted by Ill. Olin D. Dickerman, retiring commander-in-chief.

At 3:15 in the afternoon, the 32nd degree was conferred in full form, without the allegory, by Bro. Fred M. Goodwin, master of ceremonies, and at 4 in the afternoon the 22d degree was conferred in full form under the direction of Bro. Theodore R. Lockwood, assistant guard.

At 6 o'clock there was a concert by the consistory choir under the direction of Wilbur E. Davison, 32d, and the consistory orchestra, led by the veteran, Thomas M. Carter, 32d. There were solo numbers by a blind boy, "Bobby" Barrett.

At 7:30 o'clock, the 23d degree was conferred under the direction of Bro. Alden D. Heffer, assistant master of ceremonies. From 5 to 7 o'clock, a buffet dinner was served under the direction of Commissary Edward E. Reynolds, 33d.

[Commander-in-Chief Lawler, who has a distinct flair for dramatic ritualism is deservedly popular among all members of the Craft. He is a member of Columbian Lodge of Boston, St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, Boston Council R. & S. M., and is also a past commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 12 K. T. A successful administration is predicted for this worthy brother, whose qualities of heart and head, made him the unanimous choice of his fellows, to lead them on to greater heights.]—Ed.

HARVARD '81

Among the graduates of Harvard who will be in evidence during commencement week this year, is one Jacob C. Morse, well known to thousands of the Craft, particularly in New England, where his work lies.

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on this attainment of three score years and ten, and it is hoped he will survive the rather ambitious program mapped out for these sons of Harvard. Brother Morse is a member of Joseph Warren Lodge, and has degrees in all the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Massachusetts. Among his classmates at Harvard are other men prominent in the Craft, as well as the business and professional life of Massachusetts among whom are Rev. John W. Suter, a prominent Episcopal clergyman, who with his fellow classmate, Albert Thorndike, is past master of that famous old lodge, the Lodge of St. Andrew, whom tradition, backed by evidence of a substantial nature, credits with being the instigators of that little tea dropping party in Boston Harbor.

Arrangements for the celebration of the class, as announced by the secretary, the Rev. John W. Suter, are as follows: Tuesday, June 16, the class will be the guests of William H. Coolidge in Magnolia; Wednesday, the class will take luncheon at the business school opposite the stadium, and attend the Yale game. In the evening dinner will be had at the Union Club in Boston, at 7:30; Thursday, June 18, business meeting at Holworthy Hall at noon.

The class will be hosts at a luncheon at the Phillips Brooks House from 12 to 1:30, to which will be invited the president and fellows, the board of overseers, the members of all the older classes and the three classes in the university with '81, sons of the class and class secretaries. At 1:30 the class will join in the procession for the alumni exercises. At the conclusion of the exercises the class with their families will

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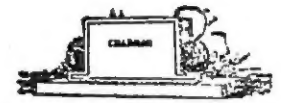
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partake of the hospitality of one of its members, E. H. Whitman, and of Mrs. Whitman at their home, 23 Everett Street, Cambridge.

The wives and daughters of members of the class will partake of luncheon thence proceeding to the Yale game. Wednesday, at Hotel Commander. After the game they will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Brandegee at their home in Brookline, from 7 to 9. Thursday, they will be entertained at luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Paine at their home, 9 Waterhouse Street, whence those who so desire will proceed to the alumni exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. W. Foster have invited visiting members to be their guests at the "Ship's Cabin", Marblehead, at any or all times during commencement week as their guests.

MASONIC OVERSEAS BUREAU

Owing to the demand for more adequate facilities, Brother James G. Conner, 33rd, director of the Masonic Bureau Overseas, at Paris, France, has transferred the bureau to 603 Paris building, 30 rue de Gramont, a location of easy access, as it is in the center of the French Capital.

"All the comforts of home" will be found at the new offices, including the services of an expert shopper for the women, who always have time to shop; and for the men, who are always pressed for time. Last summer the bureau was made a meeting place for members of the Craft and their families visiting Paris, and Brother Conner was kept busy arranging dinner parties at restaurants, where one dines amid a purely French atmosphere, planning theatre parties to places where one views the dramas as only the French artists can present them, mapping sight-seeing plans, and giving advice in general to those seeking enjoyment in a foreign country.

In acknowledgment of the services rendered, Brother Conner has received many fine letters felicitating him on his ability to do the proper thing at the proper time, and the guiding hand he offers to those who, unacquainted with French customs, seek advice on subjects which otherwise might prove embarrassing.

The services of the Masonic Bureau Overseas are tendered gratuitously to Masons and their families, and they are fraternally invited to call and to make the place a rendezvous, which means that they will return home better acquainted with Paris and the French than they would under ordinary circumstances.

ANDREW L. RANDELL

Friends and acquaintances not only in Texas, but throughout the United States, were shocked to receive news of the death of Andrew L. Randell, 32°, past grand master of Texas, at his home in Washington, D. C., recently. Bro. Randell's death followed a serious attack of neuritis, culminating in an operation, which resulted in his death. A special communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas was held in his home lodge, Travis, at Sherman, and his body was buried with the official grand lodge ceremonies, with Most Worshipful Grand Master James W. McClendon, of Austin, presiding. Bro. Randell's body was accompanied to Texas from Washington by his wife and two daughters, Misses Nina and Anna. The party was met in St. Louis by a special committee, consisting of W. B. Pearson, grand secretary of Waco, and Wilbur Keith, of Dallas. In St. Louis, Grand Secre-

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tary Mather, headed a committee of the grand lodge of that state, to assist in comforting and carrying out every detail necessary to the transfer. Missouri Masons were as considerate and gracious in the hour of sadness as it could have have possibly been, and they rendered many favors never to be forgotten by the family and the Texas Masons.

Andrew Randell, soon after entering the Grand Lodge of Texas, became one of the Craft's most conscientious and constructive devotees. He consecrated his future life to the development of Masonry on passing out of the grand master's chair in the Texas Grand Lodge. He became executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and as such met and became acquainted with perhaps more Masons than any one individual in America. His ambition was to utilize the manpower of Freemasonry and put Masonry to work. As an illustration of his ideas along this line as executive secretary of the Service Association, he collected and disbursed for the several grand jurisdictions in America nearly a million dollars in the Mississippi flood area a few years ago at the lowest cost of disbursement ever accomplished in a similar undertaking. He also functioned twice in Florida in behalf of Masonry in extending aid to that state following two disastrous storms. He rendered relief in Japan and Porto Rico during times of disaster. He was one of those present at the organization of the Service Association, as well as the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and served as a member of the board of directors of that body until his death.

He was editor of *The Master Mason*, a national Masonic magazine, until it ceased publication a year ago. He never failed in recording his attendance and taking an active part in the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Texas from the first time he attended that body as an official representative and

member of same. It was during his term as grand master in 1921 that he urged and prevailed upon the Masonic Home and School Board to permit him to recommend to the grand lodge ten dollars per master Mason's degree conferred in Texas to go toward an endowment fund. This recommendation was adopted, and as a result of same, there is now a handsome endowment fund to the credit of that institution. At the same time he obtained the approval of the grand lodge to call for voluntary donations from the Masons of Texas to rebuild the home and construct fire-proof buildings in the place of the old frame buildings. This was done, and two succeeding grand masters, in following out his plans and suggestions, combined with some of their own, as well, gave to Texas Masons one of the finest and most modern Masonic homes and schools in America.

A few years ago Andrew Randell severed his connections with the Service Association, and organized the American Masonic Press, an institution organized for the purpose of publishing and disseminating reliable Masonic literature, such as books, periodicals and other like material. He was president of this corporation at the time of his death.

Dr. T. C. Clyce, of Austin College, and Dr. Wharton, of the First Presbyterian Church, conducted the religious services.—*Scottish Rite Herald*.

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Approximately 2,000 young women students who have lived at the dormitory had a part in contributing to the cost of the portrait. The presentation was made on their behalf of Miss Janet Sheppard, daughter of United States Senator and Mrs. Morris Sheppard.

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Upon the site of the old Masonic Temple in Williamsburg, Va., in which the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia was organized more than 152 years ago, members of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 will erect a new temple as a memorial to those members of the fraternity who took the initial steps in the formation of the grand lodge.

The temple, plans for which are now being completed by a Richmond architect, will cost approximately \$10,000. It will house a fireplace built from bricks remaining from the foundations and chimney of the original building, which was constructed between 1774 and 1776. It will be of colonial design in keeping with the setting of old Williamsburg.

The most prized piece of furniture to go into the new temple will be an old mahogany chair, used by masters of the lodge ever since it was presented to Masons of Williamsburg by Norborne Berkeley, Baron de Botetourt, who was Governor of the Colony, 1768-1770. George Washington and Lafayette used this chair when they presided at meetings of the lodge.

SHRINERS' EXCURSION

The city of Cleveland is making great preparations for the entertainment of visiting Shriners who will attend the annual sessions, July 13 to 16. A most delightful tour has been arranged for New England Shriners leaving Boston on Sunday, July 12, going direct to Cleveland, arriving Monday morning. Accommodations with rooms and baths have been provided at a hotel located in the heart of the business and amusement district, and within the shadows of the Great Lake Front Stadium, where the activities will be held, including series of parades and a stupendous oriental spectacle. Returning, the party will have a most enjoyable sail across Lake Erie to Detroit, where a day will be spent visiting the interesting spots in the "motor city" with a sight-seeing trip and evening sail across Lake Erie to Buffalo, and rail home. The trip will include all expenses, such as meals, transportation, hotel accommodations, seats for the series of parades in Cleveland, sightseeing—in fact, everything except meals in Cleveland. An illustrated itinerary has been printed, and copy will be gladly furnished to those interested on application to Clarence C. Colpitts, 262 Washington Street, Boston.

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TAKE CRUISE

Persons who contributed to the work of restoration of the *Constitution*, famous as *Old Ironsides*, are invited to inspect the vessel on its cruise along the eastern coast from Portsmouth, N. H., to Yorktown, Va., beginning July 3, the Secretary of the Navy, Charles Francis Adams, announced recently.

The department's announcement reads:

The U. S. S. *Constitution* — *Old Ironsides* — will commence her post-restoration cruise July 3, 1931. This

historic frigate, now nearing the completion of her reconditioning at Boston navy yard, will be commissioned July 1, and will start her voyage from Boston two days later in tow of the *Grebe*.

"We hope," Secretary Adams stated, that the children and patriotic citizens whose contributions made possible, to a large degree, the restoration of the famous old ship, will accept this invitation to board her. *Old Ironsides* is more than an inspiration—she is an American tradition. The successful accomplishment of her mission at sea when she was commanded so ably by Hull, Bainbridge, Stewart, meant more to our young nation than the victories credited to her in the pages of history."

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Lieut. John A. Lord, naval constructor, and a native of Bath, Me. Mementos of the ship's earlier days have been graciously delivered by descendants or the men who cruised on the ship to the committee in charge of the *Constitution's* restoration and these have been supplemented in recent weeks through the efforts of Commander Louis J. Gulliver, U. S. N., who has been detailed to command the ship on her cruise.

The announced itinerary includes ports along the New England Coast, where the ship was built and manned, and was fought so well, and Atlantic coast ports as far south as Chesapeake Bay. Her present itinerary carries *Old Ironsides* as far as Yorktown, Va., where she will be present at the Sesqui-centennial celebration Oct. 16 to Oct. 23, 1931.

SMALL LOSS SHOWN

At the end of 1930 there were on the rolls of the forty-nine grand lodges of Masons in the United States (one for each state and one for the District of Columbia) 16,431 lodges, an average of 335 per state, according to statistics in the *New York Masonic Outlook*. The total membership of these 16,431 lodges was 3,296,018, a net loss over 1929 of 3,480, or an average per state of 71; this loss occurred in 23 grand jurisdictions, the others showing a net gain.

A total of 103,166 were raised during the year; there were 25,699 affiliations, and 43,322 deaths. Ranked according to their percentage of net gains for the year, Arizona stands first, California second, and North Carolina third. The average membership per lodge for the country over was 200.6; Rhode Island boasts the largest lodges, with an average of 425 members each, and the District of Columbia comes second with 424.

SON RAISES FATHER

At a special communication of Shekinah Lodge No. 171, of St. Paul, Minn., held recently, for the purpose of celebrating the forty-fifth anniversary of the lodge, the master, Walter R. Bielenberg, raised his father, Charles Bielen-

berg, to the sublime degree of master Mason.

It is not often that the master of a lodge has the privilege of conferring the master Mason degree upon his father, and this occasion was the first time that this unique ceremony had been witnessed in Shekinah Lodge during its history of 45 years.

MASONIC LOSSES IN

THE N. Z. DISASTER

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, has been visited by a disaster which has brought sorrow to many homes and occasioned losses in property running into millions of pounds. Many graphically-written stories of the overwhelming catastrophe have been published, and many photographs illustrating the tremendous havoc wrought have been printed, but all fail adequately to describe the awful scene of desolation, the devastating effects of the stupendous upheaval. No mere words in the English language can paint a pen picture to cover the situation. Even when seen after a great deal of the debris had been cleared away, one was brought face to face with one of the greatest tragedies of the age.

In common with others, the Craft suffered severely. R. W. Bro. J. H. Colebourne, senior grand warden, met a tragic end. He was superintending the loading of some produce at the store of Williams & Kettle, Ltd., Hastings, of which branch he was manager. When the quake came he stepped back to the

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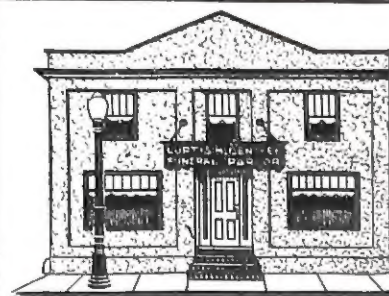
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building and was crushed by a piece of falling masonry.

W. Bro. L. Freedman, secretary of Lodge Scinde, and past grand deacon, lost one of his sons, who was caught in the debris.

Of the lodgerooms, the only one that remains intact is that in which Here-taunga and Haeata hold their meet-ings. Some two years ago Heretaunga's hall was destroyed by fire, and after a great deal of controversy as to whether to rebuild or not, it was de-cided to lease premises in a new block of buildings being erected by the Hawkes Bay Farmers Co-operative As-sociation. The building came through the upheaval unscathed.

Lodge Te Mata, at Havelock North, suffered severely. The whole of one side of the hall was brought down, but the lodge will be able to carry on with its meetings in the refectory.

Scinde lodgeroom, in Napier, the home of all the lodges in the province, is simply a pile of bricks and mortar. All records and a splendid library were lost, fire completing the ruin brought about by the earthquake. Lodge Napier and Victoria Chapter also held their meetings in this hall and suffered similar losses.

Lodge Victoria's hall, which adjoined the Technical College, where there was a heavy loss of life, is very badly dam-aged, but can be repaired.

The lodgerooms of Lodge Omarunui, at Taradale, was shaken to the foun-dations, and is a total wreck. It is to be hoped that when the debris is be-ing cleared away steps will be taken to protect the beautiful pavement of in-laid woods, which was the justifiable pride of the lodge.

Although the shake was felt most se-verely in Waipawa, where extensive damage was done to the town, the lodge room of Abercorne escaped with very little damage.

From this brief summary of the losses sustained by the different lodges in the devastated territory members of the Craft in other parts of the world will be able to realize, to a degree, the severity of the blow which has fallen

upon their brethren in Hawkes Bay, and we do not doubt that there will be a generous response to the appeal which has been launched on their behalf by the Board of General Purposes.

—The New Zealand Craftsman.
[Any contributions to the relief of our distressed brethren in New Zea-land may be sent to the NEW ENGLAND CRAFTSMAN, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., and will be forwarded and suit-ably acknowledged.]—Ed.

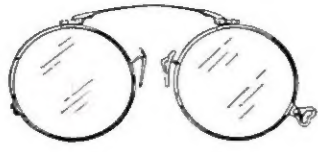
TENDERED FARE-

WELL DINNER
Distinguished guests representing the grand lodges of Great Britain at the New York Grand Lodge Sesquicenten-nial, sailed on the "Berengaria", at midnight, May 13. Godspeed was wished them at a memorable farewell dinner held at the Hotel Astor earlier in the evening. Present were M. W. the Right Honorable Lord Ampthill, R. W. the Honorable Lord Wraxall, R. W. Henry G. Shellard, V. W. C. R. I. Nicholl, and V. W. E. H. Burne. R. W. Thomas G. Wining, grand secretary of Scotland, was not present, having al-ready left for Nova Scotia, en route to his home. M. W. Townsend Scud-der, past grand master, presided gra-ciously as toastmaster, the other New York brethren present being: M. W. Bros. Robert Judson Kenworthy and Robert H. Robinson; Bro. Bainbridge Colby; R. W. Bros. John J. MacCrum, Jacob C. Klinck, Henry C. Turner, Ar-thur K. Kuhn, Howard P. Nash, James H. Brice, William L. Tasch, Harold

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Bro. Scudder presented Bro. Colby to At the close of the dinner, M. W. say, in behalf of the brethren of New York some of the things that he himself would like to say did he feel competent to the task.

"You came to us," said Bro. Colby, addressing the departing guests, "as strangers knocking at our hearts; as you leave us you fill our hearts and we are loath to have you depart. You have performed a very wonderful service for Masonry in America, giving us a new sense of the dignity of Masonry and of the power of its membership. You have seemed so perfectly to measure up to our highest conceptions of the dis-tinguished traditions of Freemasonry. You have made a wonderful success of every Mason who has come in contact your visit; you have made a friend of with you. We would like to affiliate each one of you with all our lodges. It would take many years to complete all of the ceremonies necessary to achieve this end, but we would give ourselves to this delightful task with the very great-est joy."

In presenting Lord Ampthill, M. W. Bro. Scudder said, "I want to mention a very great contribution which you, Lord Ampthill, have made to American Masonry. Our life is so rapid over here that we do not have time to pause as we should and consider our past, and realize the value of its example upon our conduct during the day. The serv-ice which I would dwell upon is that you have brought home to our American Masonry the realization that we are not living just for to-day, but that we are conservators of our Anglo-Saxon institutions. We somehow too lightly skip over all that tradition has to teach us, and with your charming dignity and

tact you have brought home the lesson. For that we are truly grateful."

Lord Ampthill, in responding for himself and his colleagues, said, "We want to thank you for this final com-plement, this beautiful and bountiful feast. We are sad, very sad, at leav-ing. Of course, there is no place like home; we have our vocations, but we go with the greatest reluctance. We go with the wish that our stay could be longer and with the hope that we may come back some time.

"It has been said of us to-night that we have done you good by being here; we would say that it is rather you who have helped us. It is not our individ-ual selves that you have honored, but rather we as representatives of British Freemasons. We shall tell our people that there is nothing wrong with Free-masonry in America, that on the con-trary Freemasonry in this country is exactly the same fine thing as in Eng-land. Our problems ar ethe same and there will be the closest bond of sym-athy between us as we apply ourselves to the solution of these problems. And so, we say, not Good-bye, but Until we see you all again!"

Our visiting brehren had already been the guests the evening before of Holland Lodge, No. 8, which enter-tained them at dinner at the Union Club, and then in a special communi-cation of the lodge, when a class of candidates received the fellowcraft de-gree. It was the first opportunity the English brethren had had to see Amer-

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ican work, and they expressed them-selves as being very happy at the splen-did manner in which the ritual was performed by this ancient lodge.

LIBRARIANS HOLD CONFERENCE

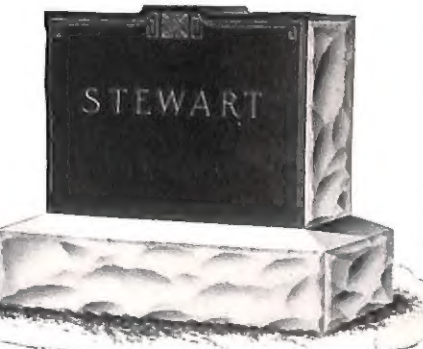
The fifth informal conference of Ma-sonic librarians and educators was held in New York City May 21 to 23, in the library of the Grand Lodge of New York, under the direct auspices of the board of general activities of that body.

Members of the Masonic fraternity from all parts of the country attended the conference, and took part in the dis-cussions. Among them was William L. Boyden, 33°, librarian at the House of

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the Temple, Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, Washington, D. C. Governor I. C. Blackwood, of South Carolina, who is also grand master of the grand lodge of that state, was present, and took an active part.

Papers of interest to Masonic librarians and educators were read and discussed. The next conference will be held in 1932 in Alexandria, Va., during the ceremonies, which will be held in celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

GOVERNOR AT DEDICATION

Governor Brucker, a member of the Masonic fraternity, made the address of the day at the recent dedication of the new Masonic Home and Hospital, at Alma, Mich.

The cost of the new buildings will be approximately \$750,000, which with the additional cost of landscaping, drives, and walks, will bring the total up to about \$900,000. The new building will provide for 200 guests. The administration building and hospital, power plant and laundry are all connected by an underground tunnel, which is over 700 feet long.

To date about 60 rooms have been furnished by individuals, lodges, and chapters of the Eastern Star and Royal Arch. There have also been donations from Saladin Shrine Temple, Grand Rapids, of \$2,000 to furnish the library, \$4,037 by one board member to furnish the lounges, and another board member has agreed to furnish ten rooms.

CHICAGO'S MAYOR

Anton J. Cermak, recently elected mayor of Chicago, is a member of Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar, Chicago, Ill.

TABLET TO A PIONEER MASON

A bronze tablet now marks the site at Danbury, Conn., where General David Wooster, first grand master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was killed in battle on May 2, 1777. The tablet to the memory of this historic figure, a gift of the Masons of the state to Wooster School, which was named after the general, and stands on the battle ground, was unveiled at ceremonies conducted by the grand lodge May 2, the anniversary of General Wooster's death.

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Two important events in the history of Lodge Maui, No. 472, at Kahului, H. T., took place during the month of April. These were laying of the corner-stone of the new territorial office building at Wailuku with Masonic ceremonies, and the celebration in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Kahului. Both of these events took place on the same day.

One of the speakers of the occasion was William Rhodes Herve, 33°, of California, who, while grand master of the Grand Lodge of California in 1918, acted as sponsor of Lodge Maui when it came under the jurisdiction of California.

During the week of April 25, public school week was held under the auspices of the lodge. A most interesting program was rendered during this week, and had a beneficial effect in stimulating interest in the schools.

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"Shure," he snapped. "Oi could see ye a moile."

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Sap: "Why didn't you help that girl when she fell down?"

Head: "My father told me not to pick up women."

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Johnny: "Because the other end is too dangerous."

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